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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 70  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Kenneth Phillips upon 38 years of meritorious service to the Bedford County educational system.

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with a truly dedicated humanitarian such as Mr. Kenneth Phillips, who as a farmer, public servant, and exemplary citizen has touched the lives of many with his incredible spirit and who has astutely served his community and the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for many years Mr. Phillips has played a leading role in the civic and educational communities of Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding Tennessean is a native of Shelbyville, the son of the late Jess M. and Margie Philpott Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips served in the U.S. Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a noble son of the soil for more than four decades, Mr. Phillips is the very epitome of a good neighbor, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Bell Buckle resident has always placed a high value on community service; he reluctantly became a school board member in 1958, after being begged by neighbors to take the office; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips' constituents have always placed a great deal of confidence in him; he was only challenged once in local elections during his 38 years of meritorious service on the Bedford County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips has generously contributed his time and talent to many civic enterprises, including service as a member of the Rotary Club, American Legion and VFW of Shelbyville; he is an active member of the Bedford County and Shelbyville Chambers of Commerce and president of Duck River Electric Co-op; and

WHEREAS, he served as chairman on every committee, and in every capacity possible during his illustrious tenure on the Bedford County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his worthy efforts to better his community and this state through unyielding dedication to the causes that enrich all our lives, Mr. Phillips was recognized by the Tennessee School Boards Association upon his retirement last year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillips evinces his faith in God as a member of the Bell Buckle Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his countless honors and accomplishments aside, Mr. Phillips is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shared with his three children, Kenneth, Jr., Eloise Raine, and William; his wife, the late Muriel Meadows Phillips was a talented and dedicated teacher; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should express special recognition to this fine gentleman, who has given generously of himself to better his community and the state he dearly loves; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby salute Mr. Kenneth Phillips for his unflagging commitment, outstanding work, and 38 years of meritorious service to the Bedford County educational system as a member of the Bedford County Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.